



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on March 9, 2011, at the Cross State Office Building, Room 103, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair James Banks, Sr.; Vice Chair Steven Pound; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Nancy Perkins; Lynda Doyle; Dorothy Martin; and Martha Harris
Excused: Jana Lapoint; James Carignan; Angela Bechard; and Andrea Levinsky

Also present were: Commissioner Stephen Bowen; Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; Ann Pinnette, Education Specialist; Lora Downing, Director, Career and Technical Education; Margaret Harvey, Federal Program Manager, Career and Technical Education; Elaine Briggs, Office Specialist; Karen Bossie, Secretary Associate for School Facilities; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair James Banks, Sr., called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the February 9, 2011 minutes as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, James Banks, Sr.:

- That he attended the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (STEM) Banquet on February 13, 2011.
- That he will be attending the Teacher of the Year ceremony at the hall of flags on March 23, 2011.
- That the Board has received 14 student applications from the first congressional district to replace Andrea's seat on the Board. On March 23, 2011, Board members will review the applications and select six semi-finalists to interview. The Board will interview the six students on April 4, 2011, and select three

finalists. The names of the three finalists will be sent to the Governor for appointment of a new student member to the Board.

Vice Chair, Steven Pound

- That the Mobilize Maine Initiative in the Bangor Region has set up an Education Listening Session. The group is working on ways to market all the good things that are going on in education. They are working with Realtors and the Chamber of Commerce with websites. Steve attended a sub-group meeting and they are looking at benchmarks and how to coordinate with businesses and other stakeholder groups in the Bangor Region. Betsy Webb and Rick Lyons are co-chairing the committee.
- That the Career and Technical Education Committee met and reviewed the two exhibits on today's agenda. The Board will be voting this afternoon to approve the Quarterly Report of the Maine Carl D. Perkins Grant and approval of the State of Maine Year Five Revisions to the Six-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education.
- That the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation (MELMAC) conference was held this morning. Cianbro is participating and working with schools that have MELMAC funding. We are working with teachers and guidance counselor's to let them know of the careers that are out there in various areas from apprenticeship to craft training, along with many other things that are going on. The Department of Labor, Economic Development and other businesses are involved.
- That the Maine Adult Education held an Institute last week. It was chaired by Jeff Fantine, State Director of Adult Education. The website Careerclusters.org is a great tool to use and it will help guidance counselors to see what careers are available. It is a leader nationally to look at pathways within adult education and how it connects to other stakeholder groups.
- That he chairs the Local Workforce Investment Board in the Bangor region. The Board is looking at work ready programs and trying to expand it throughout the region. Recently, through the Maine Jobs Council, three of the top four projects that are going forth to the Governor are recommending some type of work ready program. In turn it could be a spin off and could assist our Career and Technical Education (CTE) people, Community Colleges, and K-12 programs.
- That as a company, Cianbro has had several conversations with Kennebec Valley Community College and the University of Maine in Augusta regarding some of the credits that are going to be accepted from in house customized training. They are very receptive to and upwards of 30 credit hours in some programs will be accepted on prior learning experience and in house training by businesses.
- That he received an updated Board expenditure report from finance and at this time, the budget is fine. Steve will be asking Mary Becker to put together upcoming expenses between now and the end of the fiscal year. The Board will be using the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Professional Development Fund to stay involved nationally with respect to issues

that are affecting all states, not just Maine. Steve will make suggestions to the Board members at the April 13, 2011 meeting on where the Board might want to make changes in funds. (budget handout to Board)

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Marilyn Temple Tardy:

- No Report

James Carignan:

- No Report (Absent)

Nancy Perkins:

- That she attended the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (STEM) Banquet on February 13, 2011, along with Jim Banks and Steve Pound. The presentation on the engineering work being done at the University of Maine Orono (UMO) and the sharing of the great facility they have up there, presented the STEM movement in action.
- That she has been participating in the State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) webinars. The webinars are very good and helpful for the Certification Committee. The last one focused on the relationship between eighth grade MEAs, tenth grade PSATs and eleventh grade SATs.

Lynda Doyle:

- No Report

Dorothy Martin:

- No Report

Martha Harris:

- That she attended the Bowdoin College Team Review of Teacher Education Program on February 27 through March 3, 2011. It was a wonderful personal and professional development opportunity for her. She would like to thank Harry Osgood for inviting her, and found it to be a rewarding experience.

Jana Lapoint:

- No Report (Absent)

Andrea Levinsky:

- That she went to Washington, DC on February 26, 2011, to participate in President Obama's National Youth Summit on Education. The purpose of the summit was to help President Obama and his Administration to reach his 2020 Vision of the United States leading the world in college graduates. The United States is currently #9 in the world and it use to be #1. Andrea's favorite part of the summit was meeting four students from other states that serve on State Boards of Education. It was very interesting for her to talk with student members from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Iowa and Nevada, and to hear about their roles serving as a student member on a State Board of Education. The students heard from Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. Andrea attended a breakout session on teacher effectiveness and received shocking data that she shared with the Board regarding graduation rates.

Angela Bechard:

- No Report (Absent)

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS TO AWARD THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Consent Agenda.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE MAINE CARL D. PERKINS GRANT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270)

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support vocational and technical education, §122 of the recently reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) requires a designated "eligible agency" in each State—in Maine's case, the State Board of Education—to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. This plan was approved by the State Board on March 12, 2008. Further requirements are as follows:

"SEC. 121. STATE ADMINISTRATION.

“(a) ELIGIBLE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of an eligible agency under this title shall include—

“(3) convening and meeting as an eligible agency (consistent with State law and procedure for the conduct of such meetings) at such time as the eligible agency determines necessary to carry out the eligible agency’s responsibilities under this title, but not less than 4 times annually;

The State Board Chair requested, in accordance with Title 20-A, Section 405, 7, that the Board receives a quarterly financial report from the Career and Technical Education (CTE) team and the Department of Financial and Administrative Services (DAFS). We would like to submit this report as the second report for FY2011.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of September 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 of the *State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270)*

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of September 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 of the State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270).

MOTION by Steven Pound, seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present for the State Board of Education to write a letter in support of Career and Technical Education with respect to Perkins funding to be increased, not decreased.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF STATE OF MAINE YEAR FIVE (5) REVISIONS TO THE SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UNDER THE CARL D.PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270)

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support career and technical education, §122 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) requires a designated “eligible agency” in each State—in Maine’s case, the State Board of Education—to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. The Eligible Agency must send in a revised budget, any revisions to the plan and the agreed upon performance indicators for that grant period each Grant year covered by the plan.

Following the Guidance for the Submission of State Plan Revisions, Budgets, and Performance Levels for FY 2011 Perkins IV Grant Awards- issued by the U.S. Office of Vocational and Adult Education on December 7, 2010 (OMB #1830-0029) the Maine Department of Education Career and Technical

Education Team has prepared the year five (5) State plan revisions covering the grant period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

The year five (5) revisions include:

- A Revised budget for the grant period covering July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012
- FAUPL with negotiated Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) indicators
- A request for permission to allocate Perkins formula amounts to RSU's by percentages determined by prior years

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the *State of Maine Year V revisions, budget and Performance Indicators for the Six-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for the grant year July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012.*

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the State of Maine Year V revisions, budget and Performance indicators for the Six-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for the grant year July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

VOCATIONAL REGION 3/NORTHERN PENOBSCOT TECH REGION III – REQUEST FOR SALE OF LAND

STATEMENT OF FACT: Northern Penobscot Tech Region III is centered in Lincoln and has had a satellite program in the Town of Lee. The Program in Lee was housed in a metal frame building. Voc Region III recently went through a major renovation to its facility in Lincoln that now provides adequate space for the Region's programming. The Cooperative Board which is the governing body for the vocational region has decided to sell the property in Lee. The attached letter outlines the procedure that the Board has taken to date. Vocational Region 3/Northern Penobscot Tech Region III is requesting permission from the State Board of Education to sell the property in Lee in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 8467 (1) and (2).

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee recommends that the State Boards of Education grant permission to Vocational Region 3/Northern Penobscot Tech Region III to sell the property in, Lee Maine formerly used for the regions satellite program as required under 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 8467 (1) and (2) under the provisions outlined in the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated January 28, 2011, and on file with the Department of Education, and further recommends that closing must take place no later than March 28, 2011.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the State Boards of Education grant permission to Vocational Region 3/Northern Penobscot Tech Region III to sell the property in, Lee Maine formerly used for the regions satellite program as required under 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 8467 (1) and (2) under the provisions outlined in the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated January 28, 2011, and on file with the Department of Education, and further recommends that closing must take place no later than March 28, 2011.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to grant permission to Vocational Region 3/Northern Penobscot Tech Region III to sell the property in, Lee Maine formerly used for the regions satellite program as required under 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 8467 (1) and (2) under the provisions outlined in the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated January 28, 2011, and on file with the Department of Education, and further recommends that closing must take place no later than March 28, 2011.

FEDERAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities. Maine has a 2010 QSCB balance of \$36,452,171 available for allocation to school units.

Fifteen school administrative units submitted QSCB applications to the Department during the current application cycle requesting bonding authority. The Department has completed its review of the applications and verified that the school units on the accompanying list and their proposed projects meet the criteria of using bond proceeds for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility or for acquisition of land on which such a facility is to be constructed.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee recommends that the State Board of Education approve the QSCB applications for projects in Augusta, Bangor, Lewiston, Lisbon, Madawaska, Millinocket, Westbrook, RSU 18, RSU 22/MSAD 22, RSU 23, RSU 34, RSU 74/MSAD 74, AOS 92/Waterville, AOS 97/Fayette and AOS 97/Winthrop and authorize issuance of QSCBs by these school units for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list "2011 QSCB Recommended Approvals." The total current recommended QSCB authorization amount for 2011 is \$33,017,993.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the QSCB applications for projects in Augusta, Bangor, Lewiston, Lisbon, Madawaska, Millinocket, Westbrook, RSU 18, RSU 22/MSAD 22, RSU 23, RSU 34, RSU 74/MSAD 74, AOS 92/Waterville, AOS 97/Fayette and AOS 97/Winthrop and authorize issuance of QSCBs by these school units for up to the

amounts shown on the accompanying list “2011 QSCB Recommended Approvals.” The total current recommended QSCB authorization amount for 2011 is \$33,017,993.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the QSCB applications for projects in Augusta, Bangor, Lewiston, Lisbon, Madawaska, Millinocket, Westbrook, RSU 18, RSU 22/MSAD 22, RSU 23, RSU 34, RSU 74/MSAD 74, AOS 92/Waterville, AOS 97/Fayette and AOS 97/Winthrop and authorize issuance of QSCBs by these school units for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list “2011 QSCB Recommended Approvals.” The total current recommended QSCB authorization amount for 2011 is \$33,017,993.

FEDERAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROGRAM – RSU 34

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities.

RSU 34 submitted a 2010 QSCB application for Old Town High School and on June 9, 2010 received State Board of Education approval for a QSCB allocation in the amount of \$3,000,000. RSU 34 has requested that they be permitted to return their allocation to the Department of Education and that the Department reissue the RSU 34 allocation directly to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) for the RSU 34 project. Pursuant to this reallocation, the MMBB would issue QSCBs to provide funds for the previously approved RSU 34 project.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend the State Board of Education approve that the Federal allocation to RSU 34 of QSCBs in the amount of \$3,000,000 for 2010 be reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the RSU 34 project that the State Board of Education previously approved on June 9, 2010.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board approve that the Federal allocation to RSU 34 of QSCBs in the amount of \$3,000,000 for 2010 be reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be issued to provide funds for the RSU 34 project that the State Board of Education previously approved on June 9, 2010.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy seconded by Dottie Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to approve that the Federal allocation to RSU 34 of QSCBs in the amount of \$3,000,000 for 2010 be reallocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank provided that the QSCBs issued by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank pursuant to this allocation shall be

issued to provide funds for the RSU 34 project that the State Board of Education previously approved on June 9, 2010.

MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SCHOOL FACILITIES PROPOSED PRIORITY LIST – RATING CYCLE 2010-2011

STATEMENT OF FACT: The School Facilities Proposed Priority List presented to the State Board of Education today is the result of the recently completed 2010-2011 Rating Cycle. Project applications have been evaluated on the basis of need as determined by criteria approved by the State Board of Education and contained in Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, August 15, 2009. The projects are listed in descending order with the highest-ranked projects placed first.

Additionally, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 4, ¶3.A., establishes a 30 day deadline for school units to submit a request for administrative review should the school unit choose to do so. In an effort to allow each school unit additional time to attend the Department's informational meetings and submit requests for administrative review if they choose, the Commissioner is requesting that the State Board of Education waive, for this Rating Cycle only, Section 4, ¶3.A., and to extend the deadline for submission of requests for administrative review to 60 days.

After the administrative review process has been completed a Final Priority List will be established and used to determine which projects will be placed on the Approved Projects List.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Construction Committee recommends that the State Board of Education receive the School Facilities Proposed Priority List for the 2010-2011 Rating Cycle. It is further recommended that the State Board of Education waive Section 4, ¶3.A., of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and extend the deadline for requests for administrative review to 60 days.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the State Board of Education receive the School Facilities Proposed Priority List for the 2010-2011 Rating Cycle. It is further recommended that the State Board of Education waive Section 4, ¶3.A., of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and extend the deadline for requests for administrative review to 60 days.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Steven Pound, and unanimously voted by those present to receive the School Facilities Proposed Priority List for the 2010-2011 Rating Cycle. It is further recommended that the State Board of Education waive Section 4, ¶3.A., of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and extend the deadline for requests for administrative review to 60 days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Submit Expense Account Vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Martha Harris, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the March 9, 2011, State Board of Education meeting at 2:29 PM.